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Dear Deans, Department Chairs and Directors,

Please share this announcement with faculty and colleagues as appropriate.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce has recently announced the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program, a limited competition award (see the description at: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=293172) with a deadline date of June 12, 2017. The University may submit up to two applications - one under the Professional Track and one under the Paraprofessional Certificate Track.

The BHWET Program aims to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan, including rural and medically underserved areas. The BHWET Program places special emphasis on establishing or expanding meaningful, longitudinal internships or field placement programs in behavioral health that include interprofessional training for students/interns, faculty, and field supervisors to provide quality behavioral health services.

Eligible applicants for the Professional Track include:
- accredited master’s-level schools and programs of social work, psychology, marriage and family therapy, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners and professional counseling (including the areas of mental health and addiction/substance use disorder counseling) that require a pre-degree clinical field placement in behavioral health as part of the training and a prerequisite for graduation; and doctoral-level health service psychology internships and schools and programs.
- Doctoral psychology disciplines include health services psychology, clinical psychology and counseling psychology.

Please note: Match is required for only doctoral-level psychiatry, psychology, school psychology, psychiatric nursing or behavioral pediatrics internships, where applicable, to cover any student stipend costs beyond $28,352 per geographic reimbursement requirements set by association requirements.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this award, please upload your Letter of Interest (LOI) as a single document file into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Institutional Competitions (https://uvm.infoready4.com/). The LOI should be no more than 3 pages (excluding any references) and include a brief description of the proposed project and a statement about why you deem the proposal to be competitive for this competition. The deadline for submitting LOIs through the InfoReady Portal is April 28, 2017 before 4:30 pm after which the Portal will automatically close.

If the number of interested applicants exceeds the number allotted by the sponsor, selection of the candidate to move forward shall be made shortly thereafter.

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